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SUBJ: PERUVIAN LEFTISTS ISSUE DECLARATION ON INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO
1. 175 PROMINENT LEFTISTS ISSUED DECLARATION NOV 26 (PUBLISHED LOCAL PRESS) EXPRESSING THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE "UNIVERSAL DEMAND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO." LED BY THE MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE PERUVIAN PEACE MOVEMENT (MOPEPAZ), THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION ADDRESSED THEIR VIEWS TO THE SECOND INTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO,WHICH IS TO MEET IN MEXICO CITY NOV 30-DEC 2.
2. THE SIGNERS DEMANDED THAT THE US., "AS A COLONIAL POWER IN THIS CASE, RESPECT THE INTENTIONS OF UN RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AND RESPECT THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO..." THEY ALSO CONTENDED THAT "THE HISTORICAL PROCESS OF LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE CARIBBEAN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED NOTABLY IN THE RECENT CASES OF NICARAGUA AND PANAMA AND OUGHT TO CONTINUE WITH THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO", THE DECLARATION ALSO DENOUNCED THE USE OF PUERTO RICO AS A
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TRAINING GROUND FOR US MILITARY ACTIONS IN THE REGION, AND CONDEMNED "THE APPARENT ELECTORAL ACT WHICH THE US WOULD IMPOSE ON PUERTO RICO IN 1981."
3. FEATURED AMONG THE 175 SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION ARE SUCH RECOGNIZED LEFTIST LEADERS AS GENARO LEDESMA ISQUIETA (FOCEP), JORGE DEL PRADO (PCP), ANTONIO MEZA CUADRA, ALBERTO RUIZ ELDRIDGE, LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA (ALL OF PSR), AND ALFONSO BARRANTES LINGAN (UDP). ALSO AMONG THE SIGNERS ARE THE HISTORIANS LUIS E VALCARCEL AND GUILLERMO THORNDIKE, AND FEMALE AUTHOR MARUJA BARRIG.
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